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FROM THE AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

IN the following Morning and Evening Services the three acts of worship are arranged uniformly according to what appears the natural order—the Word, Prayer and Praise; and the Service consists of these three acts thrice repeated in the same order. The Sermon, with Prayer and Praise, constitutes a fourth repetition.

It has been the aim of the author to draw his compositions rather from Scriptural than Ecclesiastical sources, however good or venerable these may appear to be. He has convinced himself by considerable study that, while these documents may suggest useful hints, and may guard us against some errors, it is not wise to revive, or even closely copy any of them, either those which are more ancient, or those which originated at the period of the Reformation; it being evident that both have faults which would render them unsuitable and unacceptable to us. We ought rather to derive our devotional compositions more directly from the Scriptures themselves, especially the Book of Psalms, which should be regarded as the grand magazine of devotion for the Church of God in all ages. Under this impression, selections from the Psalms have been largely interspersed among the other prayers, with the view of giving to the Service greater richness and solemnity. These selections, being in

the first person singular, furnish to each individual a kind response, in the familiar and venerable language of Scripture, to those petitions which have just been uttered in the plural number in the name of the whole congregation.

The author of the following Prayers has done his best endeavor that they should not be declamatory, oratorical, or fine—familiar, tedious, or particular—didactic or sermonizing; and he has labored to make them, as far as he could, simple, dignified and devotional, suggesting as much as possible, without running into detail. He has also studied that they should assert, or rather imply Christian doctrines in a catholic spirit, avoiding all sectarian vehemence and controversial exaggeration. It has also appeared to him becoming that the Prayers of the Church should express Christian doctrines (especially those of them which are termed mysteries) as much as possible in the language of Scripture, and that they should perpetually suggest the connection of the duties and graces of the Christian character with the great Gospel verities, aiming at the production neither of a dead morality on the one hand, nor of an equally dead and far less useful orthodoxy on the other, but seeking to combine Christian life with Christian motive and feeling—faith working by love.

The numerous works of the same class with the present, which have within the last few years been published by ministers of Presbyterian and Independent churches, are a pleasing sign that the prejudices which have so long prevailed against composed prayers are rapidly dying away, if they be not already extinct, among all but the most ignorant; and

that we are gradually returning to the wiser views and more edifying practices of the older Presbyterians in all countries, who, while averse to the rigid ritualism of Episcopal churches, and reasonably desirous not to exclude extemporaneous or free prayer, used habitually the Liturgies which their great divines composed, and transmitted them as not the least precious fruit of the Reformation to their children and successors.

ROBERT LEE.

"An imposed Liturgy, minute and inflexible, which is by many devout Christians held to be only less precious than the Bible, would be to me as much a yoke of bondage as would have been the Levitical ceremonial to the early disciples. But carefully composed forms of prayer were much in use among the Reformers, and are to be found among the writings of most of those illustrious men, whose names adorn the annals of the Presbyterian churches of Europe. The weak point in our services is the devotional offices; the preaching is better than the praying. The gift of prayer is but scantily bestowed upon some who are not lacking in the grace of prayer. And ministers who are liberally endowed in this respect are not always able to command the sacred faculty. Every pastor knows what it is to go to his pulpit with an aching head, with nerves all ajar from a sleepless night, burdened with some sorrow, harassed with some vexing care, or otherwise unfitted to preach, and still more unfitted to lead his people to the mercy-seat and speak with and for them to our Father in heaven. What a relief it would be to pastors in circumstances like these to have at hand some suitable form of prayer, and how much it would contribute to the

It is sometimes said to the reproach of non-liturgical churches, and not always without truth, that their public prayers are often not prayers at all, but are addresses to the congregation under the semblance of prayer, and that sometimes statements of fact and items of interest not at all intended for the Most High, are made in the form of prayer.

They that in private by themselves alone
Do pray, may take
What liberty they please
In choosing of the ways
Wherein to make
Their souls' most intimate affections known
To Him that sees in secret, when
They are most conceal'd from other men.

But he that unto others leads the way
In public prayer,
Should choose to do it so
As all that hear may know
They need not fear
To tune their hearts unto his tongue, and say
Amen; nor doubt they were betray'd
To blaspheme when they should have pray'd.

GEORGE HERBERT.

First Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite one or more of the following sentences.*)

SEEK ye the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isa.* lv.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him; for he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy. *Ps.* xxxiii.

Having these promises, brethren, let us draw near to the throne of grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

Prayer.

O God, whom heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but who dwellest with humble and contrite hearts, look in mercy upon us who are here assembled according to thine ordinance to offer up our sacrifice of prayer and praise.

Grant us thy Holy Spirit, to guide and sanctify us, that we may find favor in thy sight, and obtain our petitions; for we come before thee not in our own name, but in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hear my cry, O God:
Attend unto my prayer.
From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.
For thou hast been a shelter for me:
And a strong tower from the enemy.
I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:
I will trust in the covert of thy wings. *Ps.* lxi.

We humble ourselves before thee, O God; for we have transgressed thy holy laws in thought, word, and deed; and we are miserable sinners in thy sight. Thou hast revealed unto us the way of righteousness and peace; but we have not always walked in it; but have gone astray from thee; and have received in ourselves that recompense of our error which is meet.

We acknowledge our sin and misery before thee, O God our heavenly Father, who searchest our hearts, and art acquainted with all our ways. Look down upon us in thy tender mercy, and forgive us all our iniquities; through Jesus Christ thy Son, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. **Amen.**

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger:
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.
My soul is also sore vexed; but thou, O Lord, how long?
Return, O Lord; deliver my soul; oh, save me for thy mercies' sake!
Depart from me, all ye workers of inquity:
For the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
The Lord hath heard my supplication:
The Lord will receive my prayer. *Ps.* vi.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 *John* iv.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. *Ps.* ciii.

We thank thee, O God our heavenly Father, for the message of grace and mercy which thou hast sent unto us in the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ. Help us to receive the same in faith and love, and to walk worthy of our high calling, not turning the grace of God into licentiousness, but bringing forth continually the fruits of holy obedience, to the praise of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us thus to pray—

(*In unison.*)

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul:
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

(Then may be said or sung, one or both of these Psalms.)

Psalm VIII.

O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,

Because of thine enemies;

That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,

The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

And the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,

And hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;

Thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen,

Yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,

And whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm XCVIII.

O sing unto the Lord a new song;

For he hath done marvellous things:

His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation:

His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:

Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
Sing unto the Lord with the harp;
With the harp and the voice of a psalm.
With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein;
Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord;
For he cometh to judge the earth;
With righteousness shall he judge the world,
And the people with equity.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn or Anthem.

Prayer.

O Lord, who hast given thy holy Word to be a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path, guide our steps at all times in the way of thy precepts. Suffer us not to go astray from thee and thy truth. Acknowledging our own ignorance and the deceitfulness of our hearts, we call upon thee, O God, for help and deliverance, who savest all them that put their trust in thee. **Amen.**

O Lord, our merciful Father, guide and defend us in all our ways, that we may be delivered in all dangers and temptations of this day; and may so follow the example and pattern which thy dear Son hath left us, both in joyfully bearing and constantly performing thy holy will, that we may glorify thy name, and may abide in thy love. **Amen.**

O Lord God Almighty, who makest all things work together for good to them that love thee, we pray that thou

wouldst so order the course of thy providence respecting us, and so enlighten and purify our souls, that all the events of this life may be made to promote our eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and most merciful Father, who workest in thy children both to desire and to perform those things that please thee, grant us grace that we may pursue our several callings and duties in the world, with a devout, holy, and heavenly mind, considering that we are ever in thy presence and under thine eye; that in all our works and labors, working the work of God, and laboring for the meat that endureth unto everlasting life, we may be found good and faithful servants, and may finally, with all thine elect, enter into the joy of our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, everlasting and almighty, who art the Creator and Preserver of all men, and who desirest not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, send forth thy light and thy truth among all nations.

Guide all thy flock in the paths of truth, righteousness, and peace; and make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

Comfort the afflicted; send consolation and joy to those that are in trouble and sorrow; hear the groaning of the prisoners; deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him; relieve the wants of the poor; and save the afflicted people. Arise, O God, for judgment, and save all the meek of the earth. **Amen.**

I will extol thee, my God, O King:
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless thee:
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

O God, who hast revealed to us the light of thy gospel, and called us into the fellowship of thy Son, grant that we may put away all the works of darkness, and may walk in purity, uprightness and truth, that we may have fellowship with thee, for thou art light, and in thee there is no darkness at all; that so, when the shadows of this mortal life are passed away, we may behold those things which the eye of man hath not seen, and be made partakers of everlasting glory; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, we pray thee, O Lord, that we, who have believed in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, may die daily through his death, and also may be quickened through the power of his resurrection. Being crucified with Christ, may we live to thee through faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us; that when he shall appear in glory, we also may be manifested as thy sons, and may inherit the kingdom which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. **Amen.**

Almighty and most gracious God, look in thy compassion upon our infirmities, and uphold us by thy mighty power. Let us not faint or be weary in running the race that is set before us; but, animated by thy promises, may we be strong both to do and to endure thy holy will, looking unto our merciful High Priest, Jesus Christ, who suffered and was tempted, and is able to succor us when we are tempted. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the Creator of all things, who hast so loved the world as to give thy Son, that they who were far off might be brought near unto thee, send forth thy gospel into all lands and hasten the time when all the kindreds of the nations shall turn unto the Lord, and Jew and Gentile shall be one flock, under one Shepherd. **Amen.**

O God, merciful Father, look upon all thy family which thy Son Jesus Christ hath purchased with his own blood. Deliver them from ignorance and sin, and from the power of Death; and grant unto them all a portion in the kingdom of heaven, the hope of which thou hast inspired in the hearts of thy chosen; through Him who was dead and liveth for ever, and who sitteth at thy right hand, till Death, the last enemy, be destroyed, and all things be put under his feet. **Amen.**

God of all grace and consolation, send forth thy Holy Spirit, the Comforter, into the hearts of all those who, under thy wise and holy providence, are called to endure any sickness, trouble, or adversity. Let thy fatherly discipline, though for the present it be not joyous but grievous, work the peaceable fruit of righteousness in them that suffer. Enrich their souls with faith and hope, with patience and fortitude; and, while they look at those things which are not seen, may their present affliction work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. **Amen.**

We pray for thy servant, the President of the United States. Give him wisdom to discharge the duties of his high office in thy fear and for the good of the people. Grant a spirit of wisdom and judgment to Magistrates, Judges, and all that are invested with authority; that we under them may lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and honesty, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour.

And give thy blessing to all classes and conditions of men among us. Bless them in the work of their hands; prosper their honest industry; grant unto them the things that are needful for the body and the life that now is; above all, make them rich toward God and heirs of thine everlasting kingdom.

We pray for our kindred, our friends, and all whom thou hast made the instruments of thy grace and bounty to us, that thou wouldst reward and bless them abundantly; and also

for our enemies, slanderers, and persecutors, if there be such, that thou wouldst grant them repentance, and enable us to forgive them from the heart.

Special Prayers.

O God, whose blessing is upon them that fear thee from generation to generation, we commit ourselves to thee as a faithful Creator, who hast said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Strengthen us, that we may seek first thy kingdom and righteousness, trusting in thy promise that all things needful shall be added unto us. And seeing we brought nothing into this world, and can carry nothing out, may we, having food and raiment, be therewith content.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace:

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

Through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

O Lord, hear us, of thy great mercy, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

Almighty God, who has builded thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone, grant that, being illuminated through the words of thy prophets, and joined together in unity of spirit through the doctrine, precepts, and ministry of thine apostles, we may grow unto a holy temple in the

Lord, and may be builded together for thy habitation, through the Spirit.

Special Prayers.

And unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

Hymn or Doxology.

Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.

Amen.

First Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon or Evening Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister, after the Doxology, may recite one or more of the following sentences.*)

LOOK unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. *Isa.* xlv.

The Lord is nigh unto them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. *Ps.* cxlv.

The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble; he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

The Lord is great in Zion; and he is high above all people.

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. *Ps.* xcix.

Brethren, let us with humble and contrite hearts draw near to the throne of grace, in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

Prayer.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who hast commanded us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, be pleased to sanctify and bless our meeting together now, and grant that, by thy Word and Spirit, our minds may be enlightened, our hearts cleansed, and our wills directed to keep thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken thou me according to thy word.
Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
And I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity:
And quicken thou me in thy way. *Ps.* cxix. 25.

We confess our sins before thee, O God, thou righteous Judge, to whom all things are naked and open. We have done evil in thy sight, transgressing thy law, which is holy, just, and good; and we are verily guilty before thee.

We praise thy name that when we were enemies we were reconciled unto thee by the death of thy Son, and for the confortable assurance that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Justify us freely by thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; that, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, we may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, rejoicing in the hope of thy glory, and waiting for the appearing and kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee:
Let me not be ashamed; let not mine enemies triumph over me.
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses:

For they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:

According to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord:

Therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment:

And the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth:

Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity:

For it is great.

O keep my soul, and deliver me:

Let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. *Ps.* xxv.

O God, thou Father of lights and Fountain of all wisdom and knowledge, we thank thee for sending thy Son Jesus Christ into the world to enlighten our darkness, and to guide our steps in the ways of truth and righteousness.

May we hear his voice: may we know and embrace the doctrine which he hath taught us: may we follow his example: and finally may we receive those exceeding great and precious promises which he hath given us. And these things we ask in his blessed name, who taught us, when we pray, to say—

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

(Then may be said or sung one or both of these Psalms.)

Psalm XCIII.

The Lord reigneth; he is clothed with majesty:

The Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

The world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old:

Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

The floods have lifted up their voice;

The floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mighter than the noise of many waters,

Yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure:

Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

Psalm LXXXIV.

How amiable are thy tabernacles,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house,

And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts,

My King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be still praising thee.
They go from strength to strength;
Every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God, our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield:
The Lord will give grace and glory:
No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn or Anthem.

Prayer.

O God, whose word is quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword, grant unto us who are here before thee, and to all thy people everywhere, thy grace, to receive thy truth into our hearts in faith and love. May we be taught and guided, upheld and comforted by thy truth, that we be no longer children in understanding; but may we grow in grace unto the stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus, and so be prepared for every good word and work, to the honor of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be pleased, almighty and most gracious God, to increase our faith, hope, and charity, our patience, fortitude, and meekness, our zeal and diligence in thy service. May we, through thy grace, mortify all sinful affections, resist and sub-

due all evil habits, and abound in every good work. Let our good resolutions be ripened into acts and habits of holiness and virtue, that we may be as epistles of Christ, thy laws being written in our hearts and upon our whole lives; that so we may walk worthy of our high vocation and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. **Amen.**

Dwell in our hearts, we pray thee, O Lord God, and make us temples of thy Holy Spirit; that whereas in ourselves we are weak, corrupt, and mortal, we may through thee be strengthened and sanctified, and finally, having obtained the victory over death, may reign in immortal life; through him who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, who liveth and reigneth with thee, the Father, in the unity of the Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

Gracious God, Father of all mercies, who hast sent thy Son into the world, that whosoever followeth him might not walk in darkness; grant, we beseech thee, that thy gospel may speedily be preached among the nations, that all flesh may see the salvation of God.

Let the kingdoms of this world at length become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. Take the veil from the heart of the Jew, that he may see the purpose of that law which was commanded unto the fathers; and let all the kindreds of the nations turn unto the Lord; through the one Mediator, Jesus Christ, who hath broken down the partition between Jew and Gentile, by one Spirit reconciling both unto thee. **Amen.**

O praise the Lord, all ye nations:
Praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* cxvii.

Hymn or Anthem.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

O God, everlasting and almighty, whose grace hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us unto himself, a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **Amen.**

Eternal God, who quickenest all things, and by whose Spirit the Church, which is the body of thy Son, is governed and sanctified, we pray that all who profess his religion may adorn his doctrine by walking as Christ walked, that they and we may at length obtain that incorruptible crown which thou hast promised to them that love thee.

And we beseech thee, O Lord, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, to grant wisdom and power to thy servants appointed to labor in the ministry of the word; that by their doctrine and example thy saints may be built up in their holy faith, and sinners may be converted unto thee. And everywhere let thy word have free course and be glorified; through him who is the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Father of mercies, look down in compassion upon the sick and afflicted, upon the poor, the miserable, and the dying, upon the friendless, the despairing, and the tempted, and upon all who are in danger, necessity, or tribulation.

Send them comfort and deliverance, O God; and do thou, who makest all things work together for good to them that love thee, sanctify their pains and sorrows to the health and and salvation of their souls in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We beseech thee, O God, to bless all men; bring them to the knowledge and obedience of the truth. Break thou the arm of the oppressor and scatter the people that delight in war. And in all the earth let thy kingdom come, which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Special Prayers.

Let thy good Spirit of grace and wisdom dwell in our hearts, and guide us in all our words and works, that our speaking and hearing at this time may be unto our edification and profit, and to the glory of thy great name; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Grant that we may receive thy word into good and honest hearts, and may bring forth the fruit of good living, to the honor of thy great name.

O God, who hast given the day to man for labor and the night for rest, protect us by thy watchful providence during the coming night and all the nights and days of our pilgrimage.

Cover all our sins with thy mercy, as thou coverest the earth with darkness during the night watches. And when

our work is finished and our days are ended in this world, may we depart hence in the blessed assurance of thy favor, and in the joyful hope of the resurrection to immortal life, which thou hast given us in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Benediction.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite the following sentences.*)

DRAW nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you.

James iv.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a right spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye. *Ezek.* xviii.

Brethren, we are here assembled in obedience to the command that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together; and in hope of that promise which our Lord Jesus Christ hath given to his disciples, that wherever two or three shall meet together in his name, he will be in the midst of them. Let us, therefore, with reverence and godly fear draw nigh to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer.

Almighty God, the Maker of all things, visible and invisible, our Creator and Preserver, who hast sent thy Son to bring us near to thee, who, by our sins, were far off, and to make us sons of God and heirs of eternal life, grant unto us thy grace and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications, to confess our sins, and to render thanks for thy great goodness and mercy. Help us to put away all heedlessness and irreverence, all vain thoughts and

distracting cares; and help us to draw near to thee with earnest, humble, and faithful hearts; and let our worship and service, being offered in the name and spirit of thy Son, be acceptable unto thee and profitable unto us, through him who is our Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Give ear to my words, O Lord:
Consider my meditation.
Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God:
For unto thee will I pray.
My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord:
In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:
Neither shall evil dwell with thee.
The foolish shall not stand in thy sight:
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy:
And in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. *Ps.* v.

We confess before thee, O God our heavenly Father, that we are miserable sinners; for we have so often transgressed thy holy laws in thought, word, and deed. We have not always loved thee with all our hearts; neither have we loved our neighbour as ourselves. We have not always glorified thee as we ought to have done; but we have often yielded to ungodliness, pride, and vanity; to envy and uncharitableness; to covetousness and discontent.

We love the world too much, and the things that are of the world; and have not always set our affections on things above, nor laid up treasure in heaven, where Christ our risen Lord sitteth at thy right hand.

If our own hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and knoweth all things.

Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord:
For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness:
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin:
For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God:
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence:
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:
And uphold me with thy free Spirit.
O Lord, open thou my lips:
And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
For thou desirest not sacrifice:
Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Ps.* li.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. *John* iii.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. *Ps.* ciii.

Prayer.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast promised remission of sins to all that believe in the name of thy Son, and repent of their transgressions; confirm us, we beseech thee, in the faith and hope of thy promise: and so work in us by thy Holy Spirit, that we may embrace and hold fast thy truth in a pure conscience unto the end, and also may bring forth fruits meet for repentance; that being justified freely by thy grace, and walking continually in the way of thy commandments, we may glorify thy holy name, and may know that we are indeed thy children, and heirs of the kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:
And to sing praises unto thy name, O most High;
To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning:
And thy faithfulness every night. *Ps.* xcii.

(Then may be said or sung one or more of these Psalms.)

Psalm XCVII.

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness are round about him:
Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.
The heavens declare his righteousness:
And all the people see his glory.

Zion heard and was glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoiced;
Because of thy judgments, O Lord.
For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
Ye that love the Lord, hate evil:
He preserveth the souls of his saints;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm XXXVI.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens,
And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
Thy righteousness is like the great mountains:
Thy judgments are a great deep:
O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.
How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;
And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
For with thee is the fountain of life;
In thy light shall we see light.
O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee;
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

Psalm LXVII.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us;
That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
Let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
For thou shalt judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
Let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase;
And God, even our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

O God, who desirest not sacrifice and hast no delight in burnt-offering, but hast shewed us what is good, and hast required us to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thee, grant us, we pray thee, true repentance of our sins and godly sorrow; and so direct and govern our hearts and lives that we may render a constant obedience to thy holy laws; that, offering to thee the sacrifices of righteousness, we may be acceptable in thy sight, and may obtain our petitions; through Jesus Christ, who is our High Priest and sacrifice. **Amen.**

O God, thou King eternal, immortal, invisible, may we who cannot see thee with the eye of flesh, behold thee stead-

fastly with the eye of faith, that we faint not under the many temptations and afflictions of this mortal life, but may endure as seeing thee who art invisible; that after we have done and suffered thy will upon the earth, we may behold the vision of God in heaven, and be made partakers of those joys unspeakable which thou hast promised to them that love thee. **Amen.**

O God, our bountiful Benefactor, we thank thee for the bread that perisheth and for all the good things of this present life. May we receive them with gratitude, and enjoy them with temperance and charity. But man liveth not by bread alone. Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness; that our souls may at length be satisfied with the fulness of thy truth and grace; through Him who is the bread of God and who giveth life unto the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, give us, we entreat thee, such a measure of grace and strength that we may resist and subdue the sins that do more easily beset us, and may faithfully and truly follow thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ, who was holy, harmless, and undefiled, and who suffered for us in the flesh, leaving us an example that we might follow his steps.

Amen.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

Let thy truth, O God, be received into our hearts in faith and love; so that we may be made wise unto salvation; through Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. **Amen.**

Most gracious God, who didst send thy well-beloved Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, grant that we who have been baptized into his name, may put away all evil thoughts, unholy desires, and malignant passions; and may rise with Christ to newness of life, abounding in godliness, justice, charity, and meekness, in purity and temperance, in patience and fortitude; that we may indeed be followers of him in all the steps of his holy and blessed life, and may walk worthy of our high vocation; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

God of all grace and consolation, whose Son Jesus Christ hath ascended on high, leading captivity captive and receiving gifts for men, leave us not comfortless; but send down into our hearts thy Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever; that we, being taught and quickened, purified and strengthened by thy heavenly grace, may faithfully and joyfully serve thee all our days; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed Lord, whose will it is that all men should be saved, and who hast commanded us to make intercessions and prayers for all men, we offer up to thee our supplications for the whole human race, that they may be brought to the knowledge and obedience of the truth:—

For all thy people, that they may fight the good fight and lay hold on eternal life; and may so run the race that is set before them that in due time they may obtain the prize:—

For all afflicted persons, that it may please thee to sanctify, uphold, and comfort them, and redeem their souls from all evil.

Look down from the height of thy sanctuary, O merciful Father, upon the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying; upon widows and orphans, upon the despairing and the tempted; and upon those who have not God in all their thoughts. Lord, have mercy upon them, and upon us also, for we are of like passions, and compassed about with infirmity. Grant

unto us to be humble, sober, and watchful, that we may stand in the evil day.

We pray for our kindred, friends, and benefactors, that thou wouldst enrich them with thy favor, and make them heirs of the kingdom which cannot be moved; and in obedience to the command of thy dear Son, we pray also for our enemies, that thou wouldst forgive them, and enable us to forgive them from the heart; that rendering good for evil, we may be thy children, and perfect, as thou our Father in heaven art perfect. **Amen.**

O God, thou King of glory, who rulest all the nations of the world, and to whom pertain all might, majesty, and dominion, we beseech thee to regard with thy favor the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all magistrates and persons in authority. Grant them a spirit of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord; and may we, and all under them, lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and honesty, showing forth thy praise, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of thy gospel.

Special Prayers.

O God, by whose gracious providence we enjoy the good things of this present life, and also all things pertaining to godliness and the life everlasting, we unite with one heart in rendering thanks and praise unto thy great name.

Enable us, we entreat thee, O Lord, to manifest our gratitude by a willing and constant obedience to thy righteous commands, and by walking at all times after the example of Him, whom thou didst send into the world to take away our sins, and to make us sons of God and heirs of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace;

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

Through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

O Lord, hear us, of thy great mercy, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

O God, whose Word is quick and powerful, help us who are here before thee, to receive thy truth into our hearts, in faith and love, so that we may be taught and guided, upheld and comforted; that we be no longer children in understanding, but grown to the stature of perfect men in Christ, and be prepared for every good word and work, to the honour of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Benediction.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

Second Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon or Evening Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite the following sentences.*)

THE eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; and his ears are open unto their cry.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. *Ps.* xxxiv.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *Matt.* vii.

Brethren, let us draw near to the throne of grace with reverence and godly fear, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast promised that in all places where thou dost record thy name thou wilt meet with thy servants and bless them, fulfil to us at this time thy promise, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer.

Solemnize and purify our minds; raise our hearts to thee: endow us with wisdom and understanding: help us to know, believe, and love thy truth: and let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us; for we daily sin against thee, transgressing thy holy laws, failing of the duty thou requirest

of us, and grieving thy Spirit of grace. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, who is the propitiation for our sins, and who ever liveth in thy presence in heaven, our High Priest and Mediator, be pleased, O Lord, merciful Father, to blot out all our offences, our ignorances and negligences, our unfaithfulness in thy service, our sloth and pride, and all our secret faults and presumptuous sins, by which we have been disobedient unto thy heavenly calling, and have merited thy just displeasure. If thou shouldst enter into judgment, we could not stand; but there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

O God, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, grant unto us true repentance and godly reformation of life; that, being redeemed from our sins and vanities, we may henceforth walk in the way of thy precepts in all things, and abound in good works; that so we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. **Amen.**

Judge me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine integrity:
I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.
Examine me, O Lord, and prove me:
Try my reins and my heart.
For thy loving kindness is before mine eyes:
And I have walked in thy truth.
I have not sat with vain persons:
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
I have hated the congregation of evil-doers:
And will not sit with the wicked.
I will wash mine hands in innocency:
So will I compass thine altar, O Lord.
That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving:
And tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house:
And the place where thine honour dwelleth.
Ps. xxvi.

O Lord our heavenly Father, who hast made thy Son Jesus Christ to be wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption to them that follow him and obey his voice, give us thy holy Spirit, that we may be wise unto salvation; that we may be just, upright, and sincere, doing unto others as we would they should do unto us; that we may be purified from all base, unholy, and malignant passions; that we may be liberated and made free from bondage to the world, the flesh, and the devil; and finally may obtain the adoption, even the redemption of our bodies, that death may be swallowed up of victory. And these things we ask in His name who is the author and finisher of the faith, Jesus Christ our Saviour; who hath taught us thus to pray—

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever. **Amen.**

I will bless the Lord at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
O magnify the Lord with me:
And let us exalt his name together. *Ps.* xxxiv.

(Then may be said or sung one or both of these Psalms.)

Psalm XIX.

The heavens declare the glory of God:
And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night sheweth knowledge;
There is no speech nor language,
Where their voice is not heard.
Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it:
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever:
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold.
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
And in keeping of them there is great reward.
Who can understand his errors?
Cleanse thou me from secret faults.
Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins.
Let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright,
And I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm XXIV.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is the generation of them that seek him,
That seek thy face, O Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

O God, who didst speak in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, and hast, in these last days, spoken unto us by thy Son, give us, we pray thee, humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may lend a willing ear to the doctrine which he hath taught us, and may embrace the same and hold it fast, to thy honor and praise.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the instruction that causeth to err. Let us not receive for doctrines the commandments of men; seeing that one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren. May we know the truth, and so be made free from all darkness and unbelief, from all error and sin.

And to this end, give us, O Lord, the love of the truth; purify our souls from heedlessness and vanity, from hypocrisy and hardness of heart, from covetousness and love of the the world, and from fleshly lusts which war against the soul; and endow us with seriousness and earnestness of spirit, that we may fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold of eternal life. **Amen.**

Blessed Lord, who hast sent forth thy Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins, and also, by his heavenly doctrine and holy life, to lead us in the paths of truth and righteousness, grant us thy Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, to guide our lives, and to sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit; that having glorified thee upon the earth and finished the work thou hast given us to do, we may obtain the victory over all our enemies, and reign in immortal life; through Him who is thy Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord:
Which by night stand in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.
The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion. *Ps.* cxxxiv.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

O thou great Master and Lord, who art calling us to serve thee that we may be free, and art intrusting thy talents to our keeping for a season, grant us grace to be wise and faithful stewards even in that which is least. May we not abuse or bury thy gifts, but improve them to thy glory; that when the Lord shall reckon with us, we may be found of him in peace, and may enter, with all thine elect, into the joy of our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who hast given us the promise of thy heavenly rest, may we labor earnestly to enter into it. To this end, quicken our faith and hope. Teach us to mortify whatever in us is earthly, carnal, and corrupt. Putting off the works of darkness, which cannot abide the light of thy countenance, may we be clothed with truth, righteousness, and purity, and walk as Christ walked; that we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming. **Amen.**

Almighty and most merciful God, thou Father of lights and Fountain of all goodness, who didst send forth thy Son to be the light of the world, that whosoever followeth him should not walk in darkness, be pleased so to illuminate and guide all pastors and teachers that they may fully know and faithfully declare thy holy gospel, that the whole body of the Church may grow in faith and charity and patience, and may abound in every good word and work.

And we humbly entreat thee, most merciful God, to receive graciously the sacrifices of praise and prayer which thy people have this day throughout the world offered unto thee.

Let the cry of thy family enter into thine ears, O Father; and send unto thy children answers of peace; through our

Elder Brother Jesus Christ, who is also our High Priest and Sacrifice. **Amen.**

O Lord, who art from everlasting to everlasting, who knowest the end from the beginning, and callest the things which are not as though they were, and who hast given to thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, hasten, we entreat thee, the coming and kingdom of Christ. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord; let all the kindreds of the nations worship before thee. And do thou, who holdest the hearts of all men in thy hand, open a great door and effectual for the preaching of thy servants everywhere, that their sound may go into all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. **Amen.**

O Lord, who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, who art the Father of the fatherless and the husband of the widow, and dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, we lift up our hearts unto thee in behalf of all our brethren who are in any affliction or distress. Look down from thy holy habitation upon the poor and destitute; upon the bereaved and the sorrowful, the sick and the dying; upon those who are in pain and anguish; upon such as are unjustly held in bondage; and upon all who are desolate and oppressed. Send them speedy help and deliverance, O thou Judge of the earth; and so enrich the souls of thy afflicted servants with patience and hope, that their present trouble may help them to find eternal salvation; and may they and we receive, in due time, the end of our faith; through our merciful High Priest, Jesus Christ, who suffered and was tempted, and is able to succour us when we are tempted.

Amen.

Lord of all power and might, we call upon thee whose mercies are from everlasting. We are ignorant, weak and perverse; leave us not, O God, neither forsake us. Guide us with thy counsel: uphold us by thy power. Suffer us not to

go astray from thy ways: let us not be weary in well-doing. May we live in thy fear all the days of our life; may we die in thy favor; and let our portion be among thy saints at the second and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Special Prayers.

Let not thy word, O God, return unto thee void; but let it prosper in the thing whereunto thou hast sent it; that we and all thy servants may be edified and built up in our holy faith, and through patience and comfort of the Scriptures may have hope. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

O God our heavenly Father, suffer not the good seed of thy word to be caught away by the wicked one out of our hearts; neither let it be scorched of tribulation or persecution; or be choked with cares and pleasures of this life; but being received into good and honest hearts, may it bring forth abundantly, in us and in all thy people, the fruits of faith and good works, to the glory of thy grace.

Special Prayers.

O Lord God, in whose presence there is no darkness, for thou dwellest for ever in unapproachable light, keep and defend us and all thy saints, in soul and body, during the coming night, and in all the darkness of this mortal life.

May we rest in the assurance of thy favor; in the peace of a good conscience; in the hope of a better life; in the faith of thy providence and protection; and in the love of thy Spirit. And when the night is past, may we rise up again to be

diligent in our several callings, working the work of God while the day lasts, remembering that the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn or Doxology.

Benediction

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all. **Amen.**

Third Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite one or more of the following sentences.*)

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him; sing psalms unto him; talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name; and let the hearts of them rejoice that seek the Lord. *Ps.* cv.

There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich in mercy unto all them that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. *Rom.* x.

Seeing then, brethren, that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer.

O God, who art greatly to be feared in the assembly of thy people, accept our sacrifice of praise and prayer; and though we are not worthy to come into thy presence, or to ask anything of thee, do thou receive us graciously, and answer us; through our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank thee for thy goodness in sparing us to see another of the days of the Son of man upon earth. For the succession of night and day, and summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest, and the ordinances of heaven;

for thy fatherly care and goodness to us the children of men; for thy watchful providence and unspeakable mercy, we magnify thy great and glorious name.

O God, the Maker and Governor of the world, who on the seventh day didst rest from all thy works and hast promised an everlasting rest to all thy faithful servants, make us to rest from our works; that we who are weary and heavy laden with our vanities, sins and sorrows, may take up the yoke and burden of Jesus Christ, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light, and so find rest unto our souls. **Amen.**

We confess that we are miserable sinners, O God; for we have transgressed thy holy laws, and done despite to thy good Spirit, and walked in our own counsels.

O Lord, we ackowledge that we have not loved thee with all our heart, nor believed thy faithful word, nor hoped for thy promises; but have often been disobedient and rebellious.

Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves: but have lived too much in selfishness and pride, in envy and uncharitableness, and have judged and condemned our brethren, forgetting that thou, Lord, judgest both us and them.

Our souls are debased with vain and earthly passions, we set our affections on things below, we love the world too much, and we lay up treasure upon earth; and the love of the Father hath not been in us.

We have not always been sober and watchful; but our hearts have been overcharged with the cares and pleasures of this life; and we have been too much conformed to the world. Our own hearts condemn us, and thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things.

Save me, O God:

For the waters are come in unto my soul.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing:

I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried:

Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness:

And my sins are not hid from thee.

But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time:

O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up.

And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is good:

Turn unto me according to the multitude of my tender mercies.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:

Deliver me because of mine enemies.

But I am poor and sorrowful:

Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

Ps. lxix.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. *John* i. 29.

Almighty God, Father of mercies, we render thanks and praise unto thee for sending thy Son into the world, that he might redeem us from our sin and misery, and make us heirs, according to the hope of everlasting life.

Being justified by faith, may we have peace with thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ; and grant us thy grace, O Lord, that we may depart from all iniquity, and may be a peculiar people, zealous of good works, showing forth thy

praise, who hast called us out of darkness into thy great light.

God of all grace, receive our prayer, through thy well-beloved Son, who commanded us when we pray, to say:—

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord: Praise ye the name of the Lord;
Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.
Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good:
Sing praise unto his name; for it is pleasant.

Ps. cxxxv.

(Then may be said or sung one or both of these Psalms.)

Psalm LXV.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
O thou that hearest prayer,
Unto thee shall all flesh come.
Iniquities prevail against me:
As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee,
That he may dwell in thy courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
Even of thy holy temple.
By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us,
O God our salvation;
Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of them that are afar off upon the sea;

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains;
Being girded with power:
Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves,
And the tumult of the people.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,
Thou greatly enrichest it,
With the river of God, which is full of water:
Thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.
Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly;
Thou settlest the furrows thereof:
Thou makest it soft with showers;
Thou blessest the springing thereof.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;
And thy paths drop fatness.
They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness:
And the little hills rejoice on every side.
The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm CXLV.

I will extol thee, my God, O King;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless thee;
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall praise thy works to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty,
And of thy wondrous works.
And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts;
And I will declare thy greatness.
They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
The Lord is good to all;
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord;
And thy saints shall bless thee.
They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
And talk of thy power;
To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thy hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
And holy in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him;
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him;
But all the wicked will he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

O God, who in the beginning didst cause the light to shine out of darkness, and hast made the sun to rise again upon the world, scattering all the shades of night, shine in our hearts, we pray thee, and deliver us from ignorance and error, from doubt and fear; and so cleanse us by thy Holy Spirit, that we, renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty, and all the unfruitful works of darkness, may walk before thee in sincerity, purity, and righteousness; so that we may have fellowship with thee, and may be followers of Him whom thou didst send to be the light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and most merciful God, who didst feed thy people of old with manna in the wilderness, teaching us that man liveth not by bread alone, we thank thee for the supply of our daily wants, for the bounties of thy good providence, for life, and breath, and all things: especially for Jesus Christ, thine unspeakable gift, who is the bread of God, coming down from heaven, and giving life unto the world. May we eat of this bread, and live for ever.

Guide and strengthen us, O God, with thy truth; refresh our fainting souls with thy promises, animate our hearts and purify them with thy love, that we may walk with constancy in the way of thy precepts: and having finished our earthly

pilgrimage in faith and patience, may we at length be delivered from the toils and dangers of this earthly life, and enjoy for ever thy heavenly rest; through Him who is the author and finisher of the faith, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, omnipotent and everlasting, who art the Saviour of all men, specially of them that believe, and whose eternal providence is over all thy works, so that a sparrow falleth not to the ground without thee, and even the hairs of our head are numbered, we beseech thee to help and deliver us, thy servants, in all time of our trouble and adversity, and also in all time of our prosperity, that we be not overwhelmed with despondency and fear, or lifted up with presumption and pride; but that enjoying thy bounties with humility and thankfulness, and bearing thy chastening with faith and hope, we may endure unto the end, and having finished the work thou hast given us to do, may through thy mercy enter into the joy of our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble.

The name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

Send thee help from the sanctuary:

And strengthen thee out of Zion;

Remember all thy offerings:

And accept thy burnt sacrifice.

Grant thee according to thine own heart:

And fulfil all thy counsel.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners:

The Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:

But we will remember the name of the Lord our God. *Ps.* xx.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing unto thee among the nations.
For thy mercy is great unto the heavens
And thy truth unto the clouds.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Let thy glory be above all the earth. *Ps.* lvii.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

O eternal God, who didst speak unto thine ancient people out of the midst of thick darkness, with thunderings and lightnings and terrible majesty, we bless thee for thy grace and truth now revealed unto us by Jesus Christ thy Son; whom thou hast sent forth, in the fulness of time, to redeem us; that we might no more be servants, in bondage under the elements of the world, but might be sons and heirs of God, through him.

Send down into our hearts, we entreat thee, O Lord, the Spirit of thy Son. Inspire us with perfect love, which casteth out fear, that we may draw nigh to the throne of grace, at all times, with true hearts in full assurance of faith; and having served thee in peace and joy all the days of our life upon earth, may at length be made partakers of thy heavenly inheritance; through our great High Priest, who is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God.

Amen.

Grant us grace, we beseeeh thee, Almighty God, that as thou hast taught us thy will, so we may at all times choose and obey thy holy laws; making our light shine before men, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, who hast made of one blood all nations, and whose will it is that all men should come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved, send forth the light of thy gospel into all lands, and pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; that thy name may be hallowed everywhere, and thy kingdom may come, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Take the veil from the heart of the Jew, that he may see the end of the law which was commanded to his fathers; and let all the kindreds of the nations turn unto the Lord; through him who hath broken down the partition between Jew and Gentile, and reconciled both unto thee. **Amen.**

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look down in thy favor and compassion upon the whole body of thy faithful servants, whom thou hast called into the fellowship of thy Son. Grant unto them a spirit of knowledge and understanding in thy truth; endow them plenteously with faith, hope and charity, and with all heavenly gifts; and may they abound in good works, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. Being perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment, may they live together in unity, peace, and love, bearing each other's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ. **Amen.**

Build up thy holy temple in the earth, O God, and fill it with thy glory. Adorn and beautify thy Church with the graces of thy Spirit; that every member of the same may be unto honor and praise at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. And this we ask in His name who is exalted Head over all things, and is the Saviour of the Church, which is his body. **Amen.**

Relieve the sick and the destitute; comfort the sorrowful; draw nigh, in thy mercy and grace, to the dying; and let all the miserable find consolation and redemption in thee, O God. **Amen.**

Defend and prosper our country. Grant success to all righteous enterprises. Let the people be obedient to thy holy laws, living godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of thy name.

Bless thy servant the President of the United States. Give grace to all Magistrates, Judges, and Rulers, and to all classes and conditions of men; that we may all fulfil our appointed tasks as under the eye of the Great Master, and may in due time enter into the joy of our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we, thy unworthy creatures, unite in giving thanks and praise unto thy name for thy great goodness and mercy to us and to all men. Thou loadest us with benefits: all that we have is thine, we ourselves are thine. We acknowledge thee, O Lord, as the bountiful giver of all the good things of this present life; but especially for that blessed hope of an everlasting inheritance, which thou hast given us in Christ Jesus our Lord. From this time henceforth may we consecrate ourselves to thy service in all things; living as those who are not their own, being bought with a price.

Special Prayers.

Accept our prayer and praise, O God, and send us answers of peace, through thy well beloved Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee the Father, in the unity of the eternal Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises:
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding. *Ps.* xlvii.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

Almighty God, strengthen and enlighten us through thy word, renew us by thy Spirit and build us up to life eternal. Give us understanding in thy law, that we may know thy will, and grace and strength faithfully to fulfil the same. Grant that we may know thee, that our hearts may love thee, and that all our faculties and powers may give thee due obedience and service; so that, escaping from the darkness of this world, we may at length come to the light and glory of the heavenly life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn.

Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore **Amen.**

Third Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon or Evening Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite the following sentences.*)

HUMBLE yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. *James* iv.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. *Ps.* cxix.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. *Ps.* lxxxv.

Having these promises, brethren, let us draw near to the throne of grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

Prayer.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we thank thee for permission to approach thy throne of grace through Jesus Christ, the great High Priest of our profession; assured that thou hearest prayer, and wilt bestow upon us all things needful, whether for the body or the soul, for the life that now is, and that which is to come.

Blot out all our sins, we beseech thee, O Lord: cleanse us from all our iniquities. Give us a heart to fear and love thee. So teach us that we may know thy will; so strengthen us that we may perform it constantly, and may grow in

grace, in wisdom, and in all goodness; to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven:

Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity:

And in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee:

And mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble:

Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:

But he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. *Ps.* xxxii.

Lord of all power and might, who workest effectually in them that believe, and givest thy Holy Spirit unto them that obey thee, look in mercy upon our ignorance and our infirmities; and so guide and strengthen us, that we may take up our cross and follow Christ our Master; committing ourselves in faith and patience to thee, the righteous judge.

Fill us with godly fear lest we fail of the grace of God, and make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience. Deliver us from unbelief, and hardness of heart; from selfishness and pride, from hypocrisy and love of the world, and from all debasing passions. Let our hands be clean from violence and wrong; let our hearts be pure from evil thoughts and corrupt desires; that we may be sincere and without rebuke, and so may have confidence toward thee.

Deliver us not, O God, into the hands of our enemies; keep us from the snares of the wicked. By well-doing may we put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; as free, and not using our liberty as a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

O Lord, enrich us with the graces of thy Spirit; clothe our souls with the robe of righteousness, and the garments of salvation, that we may be accepted guests at the marriage supper of the heavenly King. **Amen.**

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:

Deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily.

Be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit:

Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Oh, how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee:

Which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! *Ps.* xxxi.

O Lord, who knowest that we have no power to deliver ourselves from the dangers which beset us in this our earthly pilgrimage, we beseech thee to be our defence and deliverer, and our high tower to save us. Let our faith and hope be in thee; and do thou make us perfect in every good word and work, to the glory of thy grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name and words we pray:—

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into

temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever. **Amen.**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever. *Ps.* cvii.

(Then may be said or sung one or both of these Psalms.)

Psalm LXVI.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
Sing forth the honor of his name:
Make his praise glorious.
All the earth shall worship thee,
And shall sing unto thee;
They shall sing to thy name.
He turned the sea into dry land:
They went through the flood on foot.
There did we rejoice in him.
He ruleth by his power for ever;
His eyes behold the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
O bless our God, ye people,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Which holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
For thou, O God, hast proved us:
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
I will go into thy house with burnt offerings,
I will pay thee my vows,
Which my lips have uttered,
And my mouth has spoken, when I was in trouble.
Come and hear, all ye that fear God,
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
I cried unto him with my mouth,
And he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear me:
But verily God hath heard me;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
Which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm CXXXVIII.

I will praise thee with my whole heart:
Before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth:
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
In the day when I cried thou answeredst me,
And strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.
Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly:
But the proud he knoweth afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me;
Thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies,
And thy right hand shall save me.
The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me:
Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever;
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

O Lord God, omnipotent and eternal, who didst pro-

claim thy law from Mount Sinai in terrible majesty, we give thee thanks that the thunder, and the earthquake, and the fire are now past, and we are permitted to hear the still small voice of thy grace speaking to us in the gospel.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the spirit of bondage and fear, and shed abroad thy love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost; that we may serve thee in peace and joy, hoping for thy glorious promises, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven:

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.

Thou hast established the earth and it abideth:

They continue this day according to thine ordinances; for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delights, I should have perished in mine affliction:

I will never forget thy precepts; for with them thou hast quickened me. *Ps.* cxix

Grant, we beseech thee, O gracious God, that, through faith in thy Son Jesus Christ, who, at his first coming, died in the flesh to take away the sin of the world, our souls may be redeemed from their pollution and guilt; that when he shall appear the second time in glory, our corruptible bodies may put on incorruption, and our mortal flesh be clothed with immortality; that, as we have borne the image of the earthly, we may also bear the image of the heavenly, and be made partakers of that kingdom which flesh and blood shall not inherit. And this we ask in his name, who was dead, and liveth for evermore, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:

For praise is comely for the upright.

Sing unto him a new song:
Play skilfully with a loud noise. *Ps.* xxxiii.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

We praise and bless thy holy name, Father of mercies, and God of all grace, that thou hast had compassion upon us, miserable sinners:

That thou didst send thy Son to seek and save us:

That he took on him the form of a servant, and the likeness of sinful flesh, and fulfilled thy law, and was obedient to all thy will even unto death:

That he made propitiation for our sins; and when he had overcome the sharpness of death, he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers:

That he sitteth at thy right hand in glory everlasting:

That he will come again in glory and majesty to judge the quick and the dead; and will reign till all enemies are put under his feet:

That he is our Advocate with thee; the Captain of our salvation; the author and finisher of the faith:

That he is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; having been, in all points, tempted as we are:

That he ever liveth to make intercession; and saveth to the uttermost them that come unto thee by him:

That thou hast sent unto us the gospel of thy grace; and hast permitted us to unite with thy Church militant in calling upon thy name, and learning the way of eternal life.

O God, who dwellest from eternity in light that is inaccessible and full of glory, we thank thee for the manifestation of thy Son in the flesh, that thou hast so revealed thyself unto us,

dispelling our ignorance, and guiding our steps in the ways of righteousness and peace.

Incline our hearts, we beseech thee, to hear his voice who speaketh to us from heaven; to obey and follow him who is the light of the world; that, being translated out of the kingdom of darkness, and redeemed from all the power of sin and death, we may at length receive thy promises, and be made partakers of glory, honor, and immortality, through our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we pray thee to send forth into all lands the light of thy truth; and grant that all men may receive it in faith and love.

More especially we pray for the whole estate of Christ's Church upon earth; that all who make profession of his religion may be fully instructed in the doctrine which is according to godliness; and, being delivered from superstition and impiety, from heresies and schisms, from love of the world, from slavery to the flesh and the devil, may be united in the bonds of peace and love, and, by all righteous and holy living, make their calling and election sure, to thy glory and praise. **Amen.**

We commit ourselves and all that are dear to us, our kindred, friends, and benefactors, and those who have desired to be remembered in our prayers, to thy mercy and grace, and to the keeping of thy good providence, O Lord our God.

Grant unto them and us that which is needful for the present life, and with it all, thy blessing. Enrich us with patience and resignation, with cheerfulness and fortitude; and teach us, in whatever state we are, therewith to be content.

Cleanse our souls with the presence of thy good Spirit; adorn them with the ornaments of thy grace: sanctify us

wholly, in spirit, and soul, and body; and preserve us blameless to the coming and kingdom of our Lord.

Special Prayers.

Amen.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel:
And afterwards receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.
My flesh and my heart faileth:
But God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. *Ps.* lxxiii.
Thou art my God, and I will praise thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good;
For his mercy endureth for ever. *Ps.* cxviii.

O God, whose inspiration giveth to man understanding, and who didst enrich thy servants of old with gifts of wisdom and knowledge and utterance, grant thy grace to us who are here assembled before thee, that our speaking and hearing may be unto edification and profit, to the increase of our knowledge and faith and obedience, to our comfort and growth in grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

Let thy gospel, O Lord, come to us not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost; that we may be guided into all the truth, and also may be strengthened unto all obedience and enduring of thy will with joyfulness; that we

may abound in the work of faith, and the labor of love, and the patience of hope, and so may be made meet to be partakers of thy heavenly inheritance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special Prayers.

O God, who dost not slumber nor sleep, guard us all, in soul and body, during the night. May we rest under the shield of thy providence, in the peace of a good conscience, and in the hope of a better life.

Raise us up again, if it please thee, O Father of our spirits, that we may still serve thee, and see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. And so may we spend all the days of our life, that we may have hope in our death, and may rise again to the life immortal; through him who died for our sins, and rose again fo our justification, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Benediction.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite one or more of the following sentences.*)

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. *Ps.* lxxxix.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before him, all the earth. *Ps.* xcvi.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly. *Ps.* lxxxv.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them; and I will praise the Lord. *Ps.* cxviii.

Brethren—Let us lift up our hearts to God in prayer.

Prayer.

O God, almighty and everlasting, we draw near unto thee with reverence and godly fear, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ; beseeching thee to fulfil to us that promise which he gave to his disciples, that wherever two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be in the midst of them. Let our sacrifices of prayer and praise be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, through him who is the great High Priest of our profession, and who hath consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest; that, coming boldly unto the throne of grace, we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. **Amen.**

Truly my soul waiteth upon God:
From him cometh my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my defence, I shall not be greatly moved.
My soul, wait thou only upon God:
For my expectation is from him.
In God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
Trust in him at all times, ye people:
Pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Ps.* lxii.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i.

We have grievously offended thee, O Lord our heavenly Father, by our many sins and iniquities, transgressing thy righteous laws and resisting thy Holy Spirit. We acknowledge our guilt and misery in thy sight; entreating thee to pardon all our offences, and to create in us clean and contrite hearts; that we may serve thee in holiness and righteousness; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications:
In thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.
And enter not into judgment with thy servant:
For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
I stretch forth my hand unto thee:
My soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.
Hear me speedily, O Lord:
My spirit faileth.

Hide not thy face from me:
Lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning:
For in thee do I trust.
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk:
For I lift up my soul unto thee.
Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies:
I flee unto thee to hide me.
Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:
Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake:
For thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. *Ps.* cxliii.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 *John* ii.

As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. *Ps.* ciii.

Who is a God like unto thee, who pardoneth iniquity, and retaineth not his anger for ever; because he delighteth in mercy! *Micah* vii.

We rejoice in thy promises, O God; we hope in thy mercy. Being justified freely by thy grace, may we be made heirs, according to the hope of everlasting life. And having this hope in us, may we be cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, that so the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Lead us in thy truth, O God: teach us to do thy will: guide our steps in the way of righteousness and peace: defend us from all snares and dangers, and deliver us from the powers

of darkness; that we may walk before God in the land of the living. O Lord, enlighten our eyes, lest we sleep the sleep of death.

These things we ask in his name who is the resurrection and the life; who taught us when we pray to say:—

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. **Amen.**

I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:

In the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. *Ps.* cxi.

(Then may be said or sung one or more of these Psalms following.)

Psalm LXIII.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee.

In a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory,

So as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life,

My lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live:

I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness;

And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips;

When I remember thee upon my bed,

And meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help,

Therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after thee:

Thy right hand upholdeth me.

St. Luke I.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

For he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us

In the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers,

And to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,

Might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest;

For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people.

By the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God;

Whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast revealed thine eternal power and Godhead in the creation of the world, and dost continually display thy glory in upholding and governing the same, we thank thee for that more perfect revelation of thy character and will, which thou hast given us in the holy scriptures.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we, upon whom thou hast made the beams of thy grace and truth to shine, may walk worthy of our high vocation, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, living soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; being not weary in well-doing, nor fainting when we are chastened of thee; that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we may be found worthy to stand before the Son of Man, and be made partakers of glory, honor, and immortality. **Amen.**

Righteous art thou, O Lord:

And upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it.

Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord;

Give me understanding according to thy word.

Ps. cxix.

Hymn.

Prayer.

O eternal God, who didst in the beginning create man in thine own image, and who, when we were dead in sins, didst send forth thy Son into the world that we might live through him, we magnify thy great name that, by faith in Jesus Christ, we are born again to a lively hope, and are made heirs of thine incorruptible inheritance.

Do thou, who art the inexhaustible fountain of light and life, and who, as on this day, didst bring again from the dead the Lord Jesus, grant that we may be quickened and raised up through the mighty power of thy Spirit; that being made free froms in, we may serve thee continually in newness of life, and may present our bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service; through the same Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me:
Lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.
Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry unto thee:
When I lift up my hand toward thy holy oracle.
Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity,
Which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.
Blessed be the Lord;
Because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.
The Lord is my strength and my shield:
My heart trusted in him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth:
And with my song will I praise him.
Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Ps. xxviii.

O God, who sustainest our life from day to day, and from hour to hour, opening thy bountiful hand to supply all our wants, we acknowledge with gratitude thine unmerited goodness.

May we use thy bounties with humility, temperance, and charity; may we eat and drink, and do all things, to thy glory; that our bodies may be strengthened for thy service upon earth, and that we may be prepared for that heavenly life, where thou wilt feed our souls with the bread of thine eternal truth, and refresh us for ever from the fountain of thine inexhaustible love; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sing unto the Lord a new song:
And his praise in the congregation of saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Ps. cxlix.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that we, whom thou hast made rational creatures, may, through thy grace, be delivered from the carnal mind, which is death, and from all the deeds of the flesh, and may serve thee, the living God, in righteousness and purity all the days of our life on earth; that, after this life, we may reign with Christ in that kingdom which flesh and blood shall not inherit; through him who is our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O thou great Master and Lord, whose are all things in heaven and earth, and who givest to every one as it seemeth wise unto thee, grant us grace, that we may diligently and

faithfully employ the talents which thou hast committed to us for a season; that when the Lord shall come and reckon with his servants, we may render our account with joy, and not with grief.

Grant unto those that are rich in this world that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us all things richly to enjoy; that they be rich in good works, laying up a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life: and grant unto thy servants that are poor in this world, that they be poor in spirit, but rich in faith, and heirs of that kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee.

By thy grace working in us, may we daily perform better the part thou hast assigned us in the world, growing and increasing continually in faith and patience, in love to God and charity to men, in contentment, in resignation and submission to thy will, in meekness, gentleness, and all holy dispositions and Christian graces; that when our last day upon the earth shall come, we may be found perfect and complete in all the will of God.

In all the work of our hands may we work thy work; and in all our labors for the meat that perisheth, may we labor for that meat which endureth to eternal life, and so use this world as not abusing it, for the fashion of this world passeth away.

O God, whose will is that all men should be saved through the knowledge and obedience of the truth, and hast given us commandment to make prayers and intercessions for all men, through thy Son, the one Mediator between God and men, who gave himself a ransom for all; we entreat thee to look down in thy tender mercy upon all the kindreds of the nations, and to deliver them from ignorance and superstition, from idolatry and wickedness, from injustice, oppression, and cruelty, and from all their sins and miseries. Cause the light

of thy truth to shine in all the dark places of the earth, and hasten thy kingdom; that the glory of the Lord may be revealed, and all flesh may see it together. **Amen.**

We pray for all that are in authority, especially for thy servant the President of the United States, and all magistrates, that they may rule over the people committed to them in wisdom and justice, and in thy fear, who art the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. **Amen.**

Look down, O merciful Father, upon all thy creatures who are in sorrow, pain, sickness, or any other adversity. Sanctify and strengthen the living for thy service on earth; comfort the dying; that being washed from the stains of sin, and delivered from the load of guilt and fear, they may be made ready for the joys of thy presence in heaven. Let their cry enter into thine ears, O Lord of Hosts. Send into their hearts thy Holy Spirit the Comforter, that they may rejoice in tribulation, and be made perfect in that love which casteth out fear; through Christ our Lord, who suffered and was tempted, and is able to succor us when we are tempted; who died for us, and hath taken away the sting of death, and the victory of the king of terrors, and is gone before to prepare mansions for us in heaven, that where he is there we may be also.

Special Prayers.

I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me:
And art become my salvation. *Ps.* cxviii.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

Almighty God, we humbly beseech thee to accept these services which we have offered to thee. Bless to this congregation the scriptures which have been read, receive the songs of praise which have been sung, hear and answer the prayers which have been offered in these sacred words, and the prayers which have been in our hearts, even if not uttered; and what has been said in the way of explanation and exhortation impress on our minds and hearts for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Benediction.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon or Evening Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite the following sentences.*)

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Ps.* cxxiv.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isa.* lvii.

Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. *Ps.* lxxxix.

Brethren—let us look to God for his blessing.

Prayer.

O God, who lovest the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob, and hast commanded us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, be merciful to us, we beseech thee, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer.

Grant us thy grace, without which we cannot worship thee acceptably. Deliver us from unbelief and hardness of heart, from hypocrisy and love of the world, from the dominion of the flesh, and from the powers of darkness; and endow us with faith, hope, and charity, that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, and who hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn unto thee and live, look upon us in thy compassion, we humbly entreat thee; for we have sinned against heaven and before thee, and are not worthy to be called thy children.

Grant us repentance and remission of our sins, through thy Son Jesus Christ; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification, and is exalted at thy right hand, a Prince and a Saviour. **Amen.**

Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me:
Give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense:
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth:
Keep the door of my lips.
Incline not my heart to any evil thing:
To practise wicked works with men that work iniquity.
Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness:
And let him reprove me, it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head.
But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord:
In thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.
Ps. cxli.

O God, who thyself workest in us, and who hast commanded us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, we bless thee for the day of grace which thou dost afford us, in which we may learn the lessons of holy obedience, and may be exercised in the work of faith, the labor of love, the patience of hope, and in all the discipline of temperance, justice, and godliness.

May we be diligent in every good work, doing with our might what our hand findeth to do. Give us grace to be faithful in the trust which the Lord hath committed to us; that, when he shall come, we may hear the gracious words, Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord. **Amen.**

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who didst, in the fulness of time, send thy Son to be the consolation of Israel, and hast promised another Comforter to abide with us for ever; send, we pray thee, thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, to enlighten, sanctify, and guide us; to strengthen us in every good word and work, to uphold us in all temptations and trials; to comfort us in all our sorrows and afflictions; to fill us with joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we present these our petitions; saying in the words which he hath taught us:—

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is excellent:

His glory is above the earth and the heaven.

Ps. cxlviii.

Then may be said or sung one or both of these Psalms.)

Psalm XCV.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the deep places of the earth;
The strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it;
And his hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker:
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
To-day, if ye will hear his voice,
Harden not your heart, as in the provocation,
And as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my work.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation,
And said, It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known my ways:
Unto whom I sware in my wrath,
That they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm CXLVI.

Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;
In that very day his thoughts perish.
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the Lord his God:
Which made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that therein is;
Which keepeth truth for ever:
Which executeth judgment for the oppressed;
Which giveth food to the hungry:
The Lord looseth the prisoners;
The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind;
The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down,
The Lord loveth the righteous;
The Lord preserveth the strangers;
He relieveth the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
Even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations
Praise ye the Lord.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Almighty God, who quickenest the dead, and who, as on this day, didst raise up our Lord Jesus Christ and give him glory, give us thy grace, that we may be made partakers of his Spirit, and may walk in newness of life. And as Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more, neither hath death any more dominion over him; may we, being made free from sin, serve thee, the living God, continually, having

our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life, though our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Give us, we pray thee, O Lord, enlightening, purifying, and strengthening grace; that we may grow in wisdom, in holiness, and in all goodness, setting thee before us in all things, and doing thy work as wise and faithful servants.

Let not any iniquity have dominion over us; neither suffer our hearts to be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin; but do thou lead us in thy truth and guide us, for thou art the God of our salvation.

And knowing that the night cometh in which no man can work, and that after death is the judgment, when each one of us shall give account of himself unto God, may we lay aside every weight, and run without fainting the course of faith and obedience, which is set before us; that in the end we may be found worthy to stand before the Son of man, and may receive that crown of righteousness which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. **Amen.**

Have mercy, we entreat thee, O Lord, upon all people, and of thy great goodness deliver them from those miseries and evils by which any of them are oppressed, especially from ignorance, error, and unbelief, and from the chains of sin. Them that are dead in trespasses do thou awaken unto repentance and newness of life; and let all who make profession of Christ's religion adorn his doctrine by a conversation becoming the gospel. And let thy kingdom come; let thy will be done, from the rising to the setting of the sun. **Amen.**

We entreat thee, O Father, mercifully to receive the prayers of thy servants everywhere that call upon thee for help and deliverance. And to this end, grant unto them thy holy Spirit; that, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting, they may be heard in that they fear; and having learned obedience by the things they suffer, may they in

due time be made partakers of thy salvation; through our merciful High Priest, Jesus Christ, who himself suffered and was tempted, and is able to succor us when we are tempted.

Amen.

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and hear me, O Lord my God:
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death:
Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him:
And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
But I have trusted in thy mercy:
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
I will sing unto the Lord:
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps. xiii.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may so receive thy word into our hearts, that it may be unto us a savor of life unto life; and may we be made wise unto salvation, and be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. **Amen.**

O Lord God Almighty, who art the former of our bodies, and the Father of our spirits, and hast sent thy Son Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin and death, give us thy grace, that, being purified from all filthiness of the flesh and the

spirit, we may grow in holiness and in thy fear, yielding our members instruments of righteousness unto thee, as those that are alive from the dead; that when this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we may be received into everlasting habitations, and be clothed upon with our house from heaven, according to that working whereby Christ is able to subdue all things unto himself. **Amen.**

I have set the Lord always before me:

Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:

My flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell:

Neither wilt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy:

At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. *Ps.* xvi.

Bless the whole country, and make it prosperous in all good things. Forgive us all our sins; and turn from us all those evils which we have deserved. Thou hast not dealt with us as we have sinned, nor rewarded us according to our transgressions.

Bless the President of the United States, and all others in authority, with wisdom from heaven.

We beseech thee, O Father, look in compassion upon the universal Church; and as thou hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, grant us grace to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living; that we may be finally united with them in thy kingdom of glory.

Amen.

O God, whose counsels are of old, even from everlasting, and all whose ways are righteousness and truth, we adore thine unfathomable wisdom, thy boundless goodness, thy judgments, which are unsearchable. Known unto thee are all thy works from the beginning; and thou bringest good out of evil, and light out of darkness, and makest even the wrath of man to praise thee.

We thank thee that, in the fulness of time, thy Son hath been manifested to destroy the works of the devil; that the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. Let the beams of thy grace, which bringeth salvation, illuminate all the nations of the world. Let thy truth, O God, make all the people free.

Special Prayers.

Hasten, we pray thee, the coming and kingdom of Christ; that the whole creation, which sigheth and groaneth under the bondage of corruption, may be delivered, and we, with all thy saints, may receive the adoption, even the redemption of our bodies; that the saying which is written may be fulfilled, Death is swallowed up of victory. Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For of him, and through him, and to him are all things; to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Praise God in his sanctuary:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord:
Praise ye the Lord. *Ps.* cl.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

God of all grace, and fountain of all wisdom, we humbly beseech thee to illuminate our minds and hearts, that we may know thy truth and approve the things that are excellent. Let us no longer be children in understanding, or be carried about with divers and strange doctrines, ever learning, yet never able to come to the truth. Grant that we may be perfect in Christ Jesus, thy word dwelling in us richly in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

O Lord our heavenly Father, be pleased to establish our hearts with grace, according to the faith of thine elect and the truth that is after godliness—even as he hath taught us, who is the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

O thou that dwellest in unapproachable light, keep us thy servants during the darkness and silence of the night, from all evil, whether of the body or the soul; for we know not what enemies and dangers encompass us; and, when the night and darkness of this life are passed away, grant that we may awake to behold the light of thine eternal glory in the kingdom of heaven, with all thy saints; through him that loved us, and hath redeemed us with his precious blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Benediction.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Fifth Sunday of the Month.

Morning Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite one or more of the following sentences.*)

LET all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast. The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him: upon them that hope in his mercy. *Ps.* xxxiii.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. *Ps.* cxlv.

Brethren, let us with humble and contrite hearts draw near to the throne of the heavenly grace, confessing our sins, acknowledging the great goodness and mercy of our God, and asking in faith those things that are good for us; in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

Prayer.

We bow before thy Divine Majesty, O God, adoring thee, the Lord of heaven and earth; of whom and through whom, and to whom are all things; to whom be ascribed all might, majesty, and dominion, world without end.

All things are of thee. The heavens declare thy glory: the earth is full of thy riches: so also is the great and wide sea. The day is thine: the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun: thou hast set all the borders

of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter. Who would not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy! **Amen.**

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:

Deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me, deliver me speedily:

Be thou my strong rock; for an house of defence to save me.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit:

Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; for thou hast considered my trouble.

Thou hast known my soul in adversities;

And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy:

Thou hast set my feet in a large room.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:

Save me for thy mercies' sake.

How great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee:

Which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee, before the sons of men! *Ps.* xxxi.

O God, who art exalted above all blessings and praise, and needest not our service, for all things in heaven and earth are thine, grant that we, and all our brethren throughout the world, may worship thee this day in spirit and in truth, and may find acceptance with thee, through our Advocate and Mediator Jesus Christ. And give us in the comfort of thy worship here, a foretaste of heavenly joy; that while we drink together of the cup of thy grace and consolation, we may be prepared to drink it new with Christ in his kingdom, which we ask for his sake. **Amen.**

The meek shall eat and be satisfied:

They shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord:

And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee,

For the kingdom is the Lord's.

And he is the governor among the nations.

A seed shall serve him:

It shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

Ps. xxii.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise thee for thy grace in raising up thy Son from the dead that the darkness of death might be dispelled, and life and immortality brought to light; whereby we are born again to a new and lively hope.

Being risen with Christ, may we set our affections on things above, where he is exalted and reigneth at thy right hand; from whence also we look for his glorious appearing.

Quicken us, O Lord, by thy Spirit, unto unfeigned repentance, to faith, hope, charity, and all holy dispositions and Christian virtues; that having in us the mind that was in Christ, we may worship thee with our hearts, as well as with our lips, offering to thee the sacrifices of righteousness, acceptable through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say:—

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him:

And fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted:

Neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

Ps. xxii.

(Then may be said or sung one or both of these Psalms.)

Psalm C.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness:
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm XCVI.

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth,
Sing unto the Lord, bless his name;
Show forth his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the heathen,
His wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised:
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols:
But the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Fear before him, all the earth.
Say among the heathen, that the Lord reigneth:
The world also shall be established that it shall not be moved:
He shall judge the people righteously.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein;
Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
Before the Lord, for he cometh;
For he cometh to judge the earth:
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the people with his truth.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

We humble ourselves in the dust before thee, O Lord, confessing our daily offences against thy Divine Majesty. Our hearts and lives are polluted with innumerable sins. Thy fear hath not always been before our eyes; nor have we loved

thee with all our hearts, or studied to serve and glorify thee. We have not always fulfilled that royal law which requires us to love our neighbors as ourselves, nor followed after charity, and the things whereby one may edify another.

We have set our affection on things below, and have laid up treasure upon the earth, not caring for that incorruptible inheritance which is reserved in heaven for the sons of God.

Hide thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. If thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared, and plenteous redemption.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:

Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face:

My heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me:

Put not thy servant away in anger.

Thou hast been my help:

Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Teach me thy way, O Lord:

And lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

I had fainted unless I had believed,

To see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:

Wait, I say, on the Lord. *Ps.* xxvii.

Almighty God, who art more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or

deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but for thy mercy's sake, through Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

O Almighty Father, God of all the world, in the light of whose presence there is perpetual day, we thy servants bless and praise thee, who holdest our souls in life, and makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

As we live by thy power, so we desire to walk according to thy laws, to be defended by thy providence, to be sanctified by thy grace. Let this day, and all the days of our life, be holy and peaceable. Send thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, to be the guide of our way, the guard of our souls and bodies; that we may spend the remaining portion of our life in blessing, and peace, and holiness.

Deliver us from all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Take not thy grace from us; let us never want thy help in our need, or thy comforts in the day of our danger and calamity. Try us not beyond our strength, nor afflict us beyond our patience, nor smite us but with a Father's rod. Thou art our rock and our strong salvation.

Deliver us, O God, from the miseries of this world, and save us from the wrath to come. Rescue us from the evils we have done, and preserve us from the evil we have deserved.

Receive us, thy servants who approach the throne of thy grace, in the name of Jesus Christ. Give unto each of us that which is best for us: cast out all evil from within us: work in us a fulness of holiness, of wisdom, and spiritual understanding; and make us fruitful in every good work; that, living before thee with undefiled bodies and sanctified spirits, we may be presented without spot and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Amen.

O Lord, whose blessed Son hath ascended into the heavens, leave us not comfortless, but send thy Holy Spirit into our hearts; that, being taught and quickened, purified and strengthened, by thy heavenly grace, we may faithfully and joyfully serve thee, both in doing and suffering thy will; through Him who suffered for us, and hath left us an example that we might follow his steps. **Amen.**

O God, who hast commanded us to watch and pray, that we enter not into temptation, endue us, we beseech thee, with sobriety, vigilance, and godly fear. Leave us not to our own weak and deceitful hearts; neither let us be misled by the power of evil example; but may we put on the whole armor of God, that we may stand in the evil day. Succor us, O heavenly Father, in our time of trial and temptation, through the Spirit, by which thy Son our Lord was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil; so that our conflict ended, angels may be sent to minister unto us, as heirs of that salvation which thou hast promised to as many as obey and follow him. **Amen.**

O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together. *Ps.* **xxxiv.**

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

O God, Father of mercies, we thy unworthy servants unite in giving thanks and praise unto thee for all the goodness and grace which thou hast shewed unto us and to all men. Thou didst create us in thine own image; thou hast preserved us by thy good providence; thou hast delivered us from dangers and from death; thou has kept our feet from

falling, and our eyes from tears; thou hast bountifully supplied our wants, and loaded us with benefits. Above all, we magnify thy great name for thy grace in sending thy Son into the world, that we might not perish by reason of our sins, but be made heirs according to the hope of everlasting life. Let thy love, O Lord, constrain us henceforth to live as those who are not their own, that we may glorify thee with our bodies and spirits, which are thine. **Amen.**

O God, who art a Spirit, and with whom no sacrifices are accepted but such as are spiritual and holy, grant unto us thy heavenly grace, that we may present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable; offering unto thee day by day the reasonable service of Faith, Hope, Love, Patience, Submission, Zeal and all the works of piety, righteousness, and sobriety; that at length we may be exalted to serve thee as kings and priests in thy heavenly temple; through thy Son, the High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Sovereign Master and Lord, we commend to thy protection and favor the powers that be e tablished to rule among the nations; especially thy servant, the President of the United States, and all others in authority. Qualify and dispose them to govern in wisdom and righteousness; that the whole body of the people may have peace and prosperity, and may enjoy thy bounties with thankful hearts. **Amen.**

O Lord, our gracious God, we implore thy mercy for all who may be in peril by sea or land, for widows and orphans, for the poor, for prisoners, for the bereaved, the sick, and the dying, and for all the afflicted and sorrowful. Thou knowest the condition of every creature thou hast made. May it please thee, merciful Father, to look upon them in thy compassion, to strengthen, comfort, and deliver them; or, if it be thy will that they now finish their course upon earth, receive their spirits into thy rest, and crown them with heavenly glory. **Amen.**

Thou art the Maker and Saviour of all men; and thou art rich in mercy unto all that call upon thee. Extend, O Lord, the light of thy gospel to all the nations of the earth; reclaim them from their errors and sins; abolish all doctrines and forms of worship that are contrary to thy truth; and let all men acknowledge thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent; that, the darkness being past, the true light may shine for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord, we beseech thee to pour out thy blessing upon us, our families, our occupations, and all our concerns and interests. Give us whatever is needful for this present life, and also for that which is to come; and deliver us from vain regrets, needless anxieties, and unbelieving fears. We are in thy hand, we commit ourselves to thee; thou wilt not leave us nor forsake us. May we be diligent and prudent in our several callings; and receive fruits for the supply of our needs, and the comfort of our brethren. Let us not place our good in riches, pleasures, honors, or any of the things of this perishing world, but in thy favor, the peace and joy of thy Spirit, and in the hope of everlasting life, which thou hast promised to them that love thee.

Special Prayers.

Mercifully receive our prayers, and send us answers of peace, through thy well-beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. *Ps.* cxlv.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right understanding of thy saving truth. Visit, we pray thee, this congregation with thy love and favor; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth and increase in us true religion.

O Lord, we commit to thy keeping and protection, now, henceforth, and for ever, our souls and bodies, our minds and thoughts, our prayers, and desires, our life and death, our kindred and our friends, those who have asked us to pray for them, and all those for whom we ought ourselves specially to pray. God the Father, preserve and keep us; God the Son, assist and strengthen us; God the Holy Ghost, defend and aid us. Let thy merciful kindness be upon us, even as we do put our trust in thee. **Amen.**

Doxology.

Benediction.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.

Amen.

Fifth Sunday of the Month.

Afternoon or Evening Service.

(*The congregation being assembled, the Minister or Reader, after the Doxology, may recite the following sentences.*)

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Ps.* li.

I will arise, and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *Luke* xv.

Brethren, let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts to God in the heavens.

Prayer.

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, give us the help of thy heavenly grace, that we may worship thee with contrite, faithful, and obedient hearts; and grant that we may be accepted in thy sight, and receive our petitions; for we present them in his name, who is the great High Priest of our profession, our Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:

Let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God:

Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying. *Ps.* lxx.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of the world, Father of angels and men;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou, who dwellest in thick darkness, though thou thyself art light without darkness; incomprehensible, inscrutable; who seest all things, thyself unseen; who knowest all things, though thou thyself canst not be known;

Have mercy upon us.

Lord God, merciful and gracious, who daily loadest us with benefits, and art good even to the unthankful and the evil;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou didst breathe into us thy Spirit; thou didst create us in the image of God, making us only a little lower than the angels, and putting all things under our feet; but the crown is fallen from our head, for we have rebelled against thee;

Have mercy upon us.

Thou knowest our frame; thou rememberest that we are dust;

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

We have sinned, we have done very wickedly, departing from the living God; transgressing in thought, word, and deed thy most righteous laws, and resisting thy Holy Spirit; therefore we cry unto thee;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Before thee, the Judge of the world, and the Searcher of hearts, whose eyes behold the evil and the good, and to whom all things are naked and open, we do confess our sins, and acknowledge our great iniquity;

O Lord, we entreat thee, have mercy upon us.

Our heavenly Father, who didst send forth thy Son, in the fulness of time, to bring us thy salvation, grant unto us repentance and remission of sins, according to the riches of thy

grace; and bless us by turning every one of us away from our iniquities:

Have mercy upon us.

Through Christ, thy well-beloved Son, whom thou didst deliver up for us all, that he, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man;

Have mercy upon us, and put away all our offences.

By his sufferings, death, and burial, let our old nature be crucified, that, being redeemed from the power of the flesh and of the carnal mind, we may no longer live in death, or be slaves to sin in the lusts thereof:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and for thy name's sake take away all our sins.

God, who quickenest all things, Lord and Giver of life, who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, quicken us thy people and sheep of thy pasture, with divine and heavenly life; inspiring us with faith, hope, charity, patience, and all the fruits of the Spirit, that we may glorify thee upon the earth, may edify and strengthen our brethren, may work out our own salvation, may grow in grace, and be faithful unto death; that in due time we may be presented faultless before the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy, and receive that crown of righteousness which thou hast promised to them that love thee:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace: have mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation.

In all time of our adversity; in our sickness, pain, and fear; in perplexity and distress; when we suffer wrongfully; and in all time of our trial and temptation:

Have mercy upon us.

In our health and wealth; in our ease, prosperity, and honor; and when all men speak well of us:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

In the joys and sorrows, and in all the changes of this mortal life; at the hour of our death, and in the great day of thy judgment:

Have mercy upon us.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice:

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait:

And in his word do I hope.

Let Israel hope in the Lord:

For with the Lord there is mercy,

And with him is plenteous redemption:

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. *Ps.* cxxx.

O God, who dwellest not in temples made with hands, who inhabitest eternity; whose throne is in the heavens; the earth is full of the majesty of thy glory. We thank thee for revealing thyself to the pure in heart, and dwelling with humble and contrite spirits.

Cleanse our hearts, O thou invisible King, that we may behold with unveiled face thy glory, and may ourselves be changed into the same image. Cast out all our pollutions and idols, that we may be temples of God, dwelling-places of the Most High; and, being filled with the spirit of grace and truth, may have communion with the Father and the Son, and so be made partakers of the divine nature, and comprehend the mystery of thy unfathomable love, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God. **Amen.**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord:
Praise the Lord, O my soul. *Ps.* cxlvi.

(Then may be said or sung one or more of these Psalms following.)

Psalm LVII.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me;
For my soul trusteth in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge,
Until these calamities be overpast.
I will cry unto God Most High:
Unto God that performeth all things for me.
He shall send from heaven, and save me
From the reproach of him that would swallow me up.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let thy glory be above all the earth.
My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and give praise.
Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing unto thee among the nations.
For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And thy truth unto the clouds.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

Isa. XII.

O Lord, I will praise thee;
Though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away,
And thou comfortedst me.
Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and not be afraid:
For the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song;
He also is become my salvation.
And in that day shall ye say,
Praise the Lord,
Call upon his name,
Declare his doings among the people,
Make mention that his name is exalted.
Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things:
This is known in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion:
For great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Lesson from the Old Testament.

Hymn.

Prayer.

We magnify and praise thy great name, O Lord our heavenly Father, for all the goodness and mercy which thou hast bestowed upon us, and upon our brethren of the human family. Thou didst create us in thine own image; thou hast opened thy hand and supplied all our wants and made our cup to run over; thou hast also, in thy paternal love, chastened us, to make us partakers of thy holiness. But chiefly we give thee thanks, that when, through our disobedience, we had fallen from thee, thou didst ransom us by the sufferings

and death of Jesus Christ thy Son; through whom also thou hast given us the blessed hope of everlasting life.

We acknowledge with gratitude thy ever-watchful providence, thy abounding mercy, thy overflowing goodness, thy unwearied patience: but we are miserable sinners.

O God, whom we do daily offend by our manifold iniquities, have mercy upon us, and blot out all our sins. Let it please thee not to cut us down as cumberers of the ground; but spare us, and so quicken us by thy grace, that we may live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, whom thou hast exalted at thy right hand, that he may be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

As thou hast called us into the marvellous light of thy kingdom, may we not walk in darkness. Redeem us from ignorance, error, and unbelief, from unholy desires, evil passions, and unrighteous actions, and from all the power of sin, both in our souls and bodies, that we may know the glorious liberty of the children of God, serving thee in peace, in assured hope, and in perfect love, which casteth out fear.

Amen.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:
Let me never be put to confusion.
Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape:
Incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
For thou art my hope, O Lord God:
Thou art my trust from my youth.
By thee have I been holden from my birth:
My praise shall be continually of thee.
O God, be not far from me:
O my God, make haste for my help.
My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness:
And thy salvation all the day.
My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee:
And my soul which thou hast redeemed.

It is good for me to draw near to God:

I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works. *Ps.* lxxi., lxxiii.

O God, Redeemer of Israel, who didst go before thy Church in the wilderness in the pillar of cloud and of fire, guiding them to the rest which thou hadst promised, we thank thee that Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, whereby we are redeemed from the house of bondage, and the dominion of him that had the power of death. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, may we be cleansed from all the pollutions of our sinful state; and daily may we eat of the hidden manna, even the word of thy truth, and be made strong for our journey through the wilderness by this bread which cometh down from heaven; till at length we enter thy promised rest, that eternal inheritance which thou hast prepared for all that love thee, whither the Forerunner is for us entered, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sing unto the Lord; bless his name:

Shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Ps. xcvi.

Hymn.

Lesson from the New Testament.

Prayer.

O thou great Master and Lord who callest us to serve thee that we may be free, and art intrusting thy talents to us for a season, grant us thy grace to be faithful even in that which is least, not wasting or burying our talents, but improving them to thy glory; that when the Lord shall reckon with us,

we may be found good and faithful servants, and may, with all thy people, enter into the joy of our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast taught us that there is one Body, even as there is one Spirit and one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, we lift up our hearts unto thee on behalf of all that are called by thy Name. Let thy blessing descend upon the whole Church; preserve her in truth and peace, in unity and safety, in all storms and against all temptations; that she, offering to thy glory the never-ceasing sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, and all holy obedience, may advance the honor of the Lord, and be filled with his Spirit, and partake of his glory.

Endow the ministers of thy word, and the pastors of thy flock, with faith and wisdom, with charity and zeal, that thy saints may be built up in their holy faith, and may abound in good works, to thy glory and praise. **Amen.**

God of all grace and consolation, look down, we humbly entreat thee, upon the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying; upon widows and orphans; upon the despairing and the tempted, and upon all who are in danger or perplexity, distress or tribulation. Hear their cry, O Lord; and for thy mercy's sake deliver and save them;—and us also, for we are men of like passions, and compassed about with infirmity and danger. May we not be high-minded, but fear, that we may stand in the evil day. **Amen.**

O thou King immortal, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity, we give thee thanks for all those who lived in this world in obedience to thy commands, and died in the hope of thy promises, and now sleep in Jesus, waiting for his second and glorious appearing.

Let us not sorrow as others who have no hope. Thou art

not the God of the dead, but of the living; and thy children, though dead unto us, still live unto thee. We entreat thee, O God, our Father and their Father, so to guide and sanctify us who are still in the body, that we also in due time may be gathered unto the general assembly and church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven, to live in everlasting joy, and reign with Christ and his saints, in the glory of thy kingdom, world without end. **Amen.**

O God, who art the Author of all being and all blessedness, the Fountain of life and intelligence, and all our good —for all comes from thee; we render unto thee praise and glory. Thou art the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the life and perfection of all things; who comprehendest and fillest all, yet canst not thyself be comprehended; who art above all, through all, in all. Thou remainest unshaken—the eternal Rock; the invisible Spectator; the silent Witness of all good and evil: before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Our days and weeks glide swiftly away, reminding us of the end of our days, and the night which is at hand, when we shall cease from all our earthly cares and labors, and lie down in the dust in silence and darkness.

May we, by thy grace, O Lord, so redeem the time of our visitation, that we shall close our eyes upon this world without fear, and sleep in Jesus, our flesh resting in hope of thy promises; that when the day of God shall dawn, we may arise with joy, and put on immortality, being redeemed from all the power of corruption, and made like unto the Son of God; that we, with all thy saints, may live and reign with Him, who died for us and rose again, and liveth and reigneth with thee.

Special Prayers.

Amen.

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And *Ps.* cxviii.

Hymn.

Sermon.

Prayer.

O thou that dwellest in unapproachable light, keep us thy servants, and all who are dear to us, during the darkness and silence of the night, from all evil, whether of the body or the soul; for thou only knowest our dangers, and thou only canst defend and save us. And when the night and the darkness of this life are passed away, grant that we may awake to behold the light of thine eternal glory in the kingdom of heaven; through Him that loved us, and hath redeemed us from darkness, sin, and death, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn.

Benediction.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

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